



¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation commanding the repaire of Noblemen, Knights, and Gentlemen of qualitie, vnto their Mansion houses in the Countrey, there to attend their seruices, and keepe Hospitalitie.



He Kings most Excellent Maiestie, taking into his Royall consideration the present state of the times, together with the great decay of hospitalitie & good house keeping, which in former ages was the honour of this Nation, the too frequent resort, and ordinary residence of Lords Spirituall and Tempozall, Knights and Gentlemen of quality, vnto Cities and Townes, especially into, or neere about the Cities of London and Westminster, and the manifold inconueniences which ensue by the absence of so many persons of quality and authoritie from their Countreys, whereby those parts are left destitute both of reliefe and gouernement, and the Cities and Townes, especially those of London and Westminster, are ouerburthened with Inhabitants and Residents, hath thought fit hereby to renew the course formerly begun by his deare Father of blessed memorie, and to publish and declare, and hee doth hereby publish and declare his Royall Will and pleasure to bee, and doeth by these presents straitly charge and command, aswell his Lords Spirituall and Tempozall, as also all deputy Lieutenants, Iustices of the Peace, & Gentlemen of qualitie, who haue Mansion houses in the Countrey, wherein they and their families haue usually dwelt, (except such as are of his Highnes Priuie Counsell, or beare Office about the Persons or Courts of himselfe, or of his dearest Consort the Queene) that they and euery of them, immediately vpon the end of this present moneth of Nouember, depart from the Cities of London and Westminster, and other Cities and places, with their families and seruants, vnto their severall Countreys to attend their Seruice there, and to keepe Hospitality, as appertaineth to their degrees and calling, and that they, nor any of them, make their abode in any other Cities or Townes, where they shall liue priuately, but resort to their Countrey houses & ordinary places of habitation, and there obserue these directions, vpon paine, not onely of his Maiesties most heauy indignation and displeasure, and disablement to hold any such places of trust vnder his Maiestie, but also of such further censure and punishment, as may be inflicted vpon them for their disobedience, and contempt or neglect of this his Royal Commandement, wherof, as his Maiestie intendeth to take a strict and seuer account; So he doeth hereby require and command, aswell the Lords, and others of his Priuie Counsell, as also his Attourney generall, and all other his Officers and Ministers, whom it shall any way concerne, to take order, that all such as shall offend, may receiue condigne punishment, without toleration or continuencie.

Given at Our Court at White-Hall the eight and twentieth day of Nouember, in the third yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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